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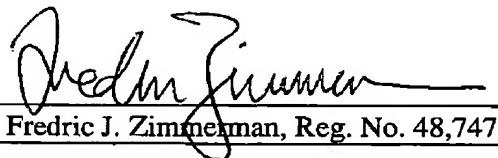
Examiner: Savage, Jason L.

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For: PASSIVATION LAYER ON ALUMINUM  
SURFACE AND METHOD THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2005, setting a three-month statutory period for response. Applicant is filing this amendment on May 30, 2006, along with a two-month extension fee, and a related petition. Please note, May 28<sup>th</sup> fell on a Sunday and May 29, 2006, was Memorial Day, a federal Holiday. Thus, this amendment is timely filed on May 30 within the two month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: